# Tioga Road

(from Crane Flat to Tenaya Lake)

Day hikes and overnight trips are abundant along the Tioga Road, each with a scenic reward of its own. Trips available from this stretch of the Tioga Road range from relatively level forested hikes to Yosemite Valley's north rim to trails plummeting deep into Yosemite's northernmost canyons. (The Tioga Road closes due to snow, usually from sometime in November through late May or early June. There is no overnight parking on the Tioga Road after October 15; please plan accordingly.)

# Trail Descriptions and Distances (One Way) **Tioga Road**

#### **Tamarack Flat**

This trail provides access to the north rim of Yosemite Valley with pleasant hiking through mixed conifer forest.

	Miles	Km.
Old Big Oak Flat Road	2.2	3.5
El Capitan	8.3	13.3
Yosemite Falls (top)	12.3	19.7
Yosemite Valley	16.0	25.7
North Dome	17.0	27.3
Yosemite Valley (via Snow Creek)	26.5	42.6

#### **South Fork Tuolumne River**

This trail winds through old burn areas and mixed conifer forest and can sometimes be difficult to follow because it sees very little traffic.

	Miles	Km.
South Fork Tuolumne River	2.9	4.6
Aspen Valley	. 4.8	7.7
White Wolf	. 14.5	23.3

# White Wolf->Pate Valley

This trail descends into Pate Valley and gives backpackers access to the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne River and to the trails leading into the heart of the high country.

	Miles	Km.
Morrison Creek	5.2	8.3
Pate Valley	7.9	12.7
Benson Lake	22.0	35.4
Tuolumne Meadows (via Grand Canyon)	.28.9	46.5
Hetch Hetchy (via Rancheria Mountain)	32.0	51.5

# **White Wolf Campground**

A pleasant trail through red fir forest with access to different lake basins and the Yosemite Creek watershed.

	Miles	Km.
Lukens Lake	3.1	4.9
Ten Lakes	9.5	15.2
May Lake	24.0	38.6

#### **Lukens Lake->Yosemite Creek**

This trail descends through the forest to the slick granite Yosemite Creek watershed.

	Miles	Km.
Yosemite Creek Campground Road	0.9	1.4
Yosemite Creek		6.7
Yosemite Falls (top)	7.7	12.3
Yosemite Valley		18.0
El Capitan		17.8

#### **Lukens Lake**

Accesses the south rim of the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne River.

	Miles	Km.
Lukens Lake	0.8	1.2
White Wolf Campground		6.2
Harden Lake		12.0
Pate Valley	12.2	19.6
Ten Lakes		15.7
Mather Ranger Station	19.3	31.0

# **Yosemite Creek Campground**

This is a beautiful path that mostly follows Yosemite Creek to the rim of the Valley and Yosemite Falls.

	Miles	Km.
Yosemite Falls (top)	6.0	9.6
Yosemite Valley	9.3	14.9
El Capitan	9.3	14.9

#### **Ten Lakes**

Provides the most direct route to Grant Lakes and the Ten Lakes basin. Hikers will pass through Half Moon Meadow and climb a ridge with rewarding views of the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne River and the north country of the park.

	Miles	Km.
Half Moon Meadow		
Grant Lakes	5.9	9.4
Ten Lakes	6.2	9.9
May Lake	20.3	32.6
Glen Aulin	21.6	34.7

# **Porcupine Creek**

Backpackers can more readily access the north rim of Yosemite Valley and North Dome with its amazing vistas from this trail.

	Miles	Km.
Indian Rock	3.9	6.2
North Dome	.5.2	8.3
Yosemite Falls (top)	5.0	8.0
Yosemite Valley (via Yosemite Falls)	. 8.7	14.0
Yosemite Valley (via Snow Creek)	. 8.8	14.1

#### May Lake

A short hike leads to scenic May Lake nestled below Mount Hoffmann.

Miles	Km.
May Lake1.2	1.9
Ten Lakes14.1	22.6
Glen Aulin9.1	14.6
Tioga Road via Ten Lakes21.5	34.6

# May Lake->Snow Creek

This is the shortest route between the Tioga Road and Yosemite Valley, taking hikers down the Snow Creek drainage to the Valley rim.

	Miles	Km.
Snow Creek Falls (top)	5.2	8.3
Yosemite Valley	8.9	14.3

#### **Olmsted Point**

Beginning at scenic Olmsted Point, this trail leads hikers across rolling granite slabs into the Snow Creek drainage, joining the Snow Creek trail after a couple of miles.

	Miles	Km.
Snow Creek Falls (top)	6.0	9.6
Yosemite Valley	9.7	15.6